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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

HOTTEN et al.

Art Unit: 1647

Application No.: 09/386,450

Examiner: D. Romeo

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: January 31, 2002

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Decision of the Primary Examiner dated July 31, 2001 finally rejecting claims 6, 9, 11, 13, 16 and 20-25.

The \$320.00 (Large Entity) Appeal Fee is attached.

The shortened statutory period expiring on October 31, 2001, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for a third month to January 31, 2002 (a first and second month extension having already been obtained). Enclosed please find a check including the amount of Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$520.00) to cover the cost of the extension.

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